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Examiner

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All claims being allowable, PROSECUTION ON THE MERITS IS (OR REMAINS) CLOSED in this application. If not included herewith (or previously mailed), a Notice of Allowance (PTOL-85) or other appropriate communication will be mailed in due course. **THIS NOTICE OF ALLOWABILITY IS NOT A GRANT OF PATENT RIGHTS.** This application is subject to withdrawal from issue at the initiative of the Office or upon petition by the applicant. See 37 CFR 1.313 and MPEP 1308.

1. ☒ This communication is responsive to 01/13/06.
2. ☒ The allowed claim(s) is/are 1-6, 9-12 and 15-19.
3. ☐ Acknowledgment is made of a claim for foreign priority under 35 U.S.C. § 119(a)-(d) or (f).
 - a) ☐ All b) ☐ Some* c) ☐ None of the:
 1. ☐ Certified copies of the priority documents have been received.
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4. ☐ A SUBSTITUTE OATH OR DECLARATION must be submitted. Note the attached EXAMINER'S AMENDMENT or NOTICE OF INFORMAL PATENT APPLICATION (PTO-152) which gives reason(s) why the oath or declaration is deficient.
5. ☐ CORRECTED DRAWINGS (as "replacement sheets") must be submitted.
 - (a) ☐ including changes required by the Notice of Draftsperson's Patent Drawing Review (PTO-948) attached
 - 1) ☐ hereto or 2) ☐ to Paper No./Mail Date _____.
 - (b) ☐ including changes required by the attached Examiner's Amendment / Comment or in the Office action of Paper No./Mail Date _____.

Identifying indicia such as the application number (see 37 CFR 1.84(c)) should be written on the drawings in the front (not the back) of each sheet. Replacement sheet(s) should be labeled as such in the header according to 37 CFR 1.121(d).
6. ☐ DEPOSIT OF and/or INFORMATION about the deposit of BIOLOGICAL MATERIAL must be submitted. Note the attached Examiner's comment regarding REQUIREMENT FOR THE DEPOSIT OF BIOLOGICAL MATERIAL.

Attachment(s)

1. ☐ Notice of References Cited (PTO-892)
2. ☐ Notice of Draftsperson's Patent Drawing Review (PTO-948)
3. ☐ Information Disclosure Statements (PTO-1449 or PTO/SB/08), Paper No./Mail Date _____
4. ☐ Examiner's Comment Regarding Requirement for Deposit of Biological Material
5. ☐ Notice of Informal Patent Application (PTO-152)
6. ☒ Interview Summary (PTO-413), Paper No./Mail Date 09/387452
7. ☒ Examiner's Amendment/Comment
8. ☐ Examiner's Statement of Reasons for Allowance
9. ☐ Other _____

EXAMINER'S AMENDMENT

An examiner's amendment to the record appears below. Should the changes and/or additions be unacceptable to applicant, an amendment may be filed as provided by 37 CFR 1.312. To ensure consideration of such an amendment, it MUST be submitted no later than the payment of the issue fee.

Authorization for this examiner's amendment was given in a telephone interview with Frank Derosa on 3/27/06.

The application has been amended as follows:

Please cancel claims 8, 13-14, and 20-21 and replace claims 1, 11, and 16 as shown below:

1. A method for providing an individual temporary access to a commonly accessible computer processing system (CA computer), the CA computer having a plurality of application programs associated therewith, the method comprising the steps of:

detecting a coupling of a portable storage device to the CA computer, the storage device having stored therein an access code for indicating whether an individual is authorized to temporarily access the CA computer and information comprising computing preferences of the individual;

determining whether the individual is authorized to temporarily access the CA computer, based on the access code;

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modifying the CA computer in accordance with the information stored in the storage device and providing temporary access to the CA computer, when the individual is authorized to temporarily access the CA computer;

monitoring activity of at least one of the individual and the CA computer, until the storage device is de-coupled from the CA computer;

generating a bill based on said monitoring; and

automatically providing the bill to a predetermined billing mechanism;

determining whether the individual is authorized to temporarily use any of the plurality of application programs associated with the CA computer, based on the access code; and

providing temporary access to the application programs associated with the CA computer for which authorization is indicated; when the individual is authorized to temporarily use any of the plurality of application programs associated with the CA computer.

11. A method for providing an individual temporary

access to a commonly accessible computer processing system (CA computer), the CA computer having a plurality of application programs associated therewith, the method comprising the steps of:

generating a user account by coupling to the CA computer a portable storage device available to an individual, and writing an access code to storage device, the access code indicating that the individual is authorized to temporarily access the CA computer, the storage device having previously stored therein information comprising computing preferences of the individual;

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determining whether the individual is authorized to temporarily access the CA computer, based on the access code;

modifying the CA computer in accordance with the information stored in the storage device, providing temporary access to the CA computer, and monitoring activity of

at least one of the individual and the CA computer, when the individual is authorized to temporarily access the CA computer;

terminating said monitoring and automatically generating a bill based on said monitoring, when the storage device is decoupled from the CA-computer; and

automatically providing the bill to a predetermined billing mechanism;

determining whether the individual is authorized to temporarily use any of the plurality of application programs associated with the CA computer, based on the access code; and

providing temporary access to the application programs associated with the CA computer for which authorization is indicated, when the individual is authorized to temporarily use any of the plurality of application programs associated with the CA computer.

16. A program storage device readable by machine, tangibly embodying a program of instructions executable by the machine to perform method steps for providing an individual temporary access to a commonly accessible computer processing system (CA computer), the CA computer having a plurality of application programs associated therewith, said method steps comprising:

automatically detecting a coupling of a portable storage device to the CA computer,

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the storage device having stored therein an access code for indicating whether an individual is authorized to temporarily access the CA computer and information comprising computing preferences of the individual;

automatically determining whether the individual is authorized to temporarily access the CA computer, based on the access code;

automatically modifying the CA computer in accordance with the information stored in the storage device and providing temporary access to the CA computer, when the individual is authorized to temporarily access the CA computer;

automatically monitoring activity of at least one of the individual and the CA computer, until the storage device is de-coupled from the CA computer;

automatically generating a bill based on said monitoring; and

automatically providing the bill to a predetermined billing mechanism;

determining whether the individual is authorized to temporarily use any of the plurality of application programs associated with the CA computer, based on the access code; and

providing temporary access to the application programs associated with the CA computer for which authorization is indicated, when the individual is authorized to temporarily use any of the plurality of application programs associated with the CA computer.

Conclusion


Any inquiry concerning this communication or earlier communications from the examiner should be directed to Paula W. Klimach whose telephone number is (571) 272-3854. The examiner can normally be reached on Mon to Thr 9:30 a.m to 5:30 p.m.

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If attempts to reach the examiner by telephone are unsuccessful, the examiner's supervisor, Kim Vu can be reached on (571) 272-3859. The fax phone number for the organization where this application or proceeding is assigned is 571-273-8300.

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